

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-79 (Cancelled).

Claim 80. (New) A developer container comprising:

a hollow body having a diameter;

a mouth portion provided adjacent one end of the hollow body, said mouth portion being smaller than said diameter;

a ramp surface at said one end of the hollow body;

a spiral provided at the hollow body;

a lid positioned at the mouth portion so as to close the mouth portion; and

a lug provided at the lid.

Claim 81. (New) A developer container comprising:

a hollow body having a diameter;

a mouth portion provided adjacent one end of the hollow body, said mouth portion being smaller than said diameter;

a ramp surface at said one end of the hollow body and configured to raise developer in the hollow body toward the mouth portion as the container is rotated;

a spiral provided at the hollow body at a location which causes developer in the hollow body to move toward the mouth portion as the container is rotated;

a lid positioned at the mouth portion so as to close the mouth portion; and

a lug provided at the lid.

Claim 82. (New) A developer container comprising:

a hollow body having a diameter;

a mouth portion provided adjacent one end of the hollow body, said mouth portion being smaller than said diameter;

ramp means at said one end of the hollow body for raising developer in the hollow body toward the mouth portion as the container is rotated;

spiral means for causing developer in the hollow body to move toward the mouth portion as the container is rotated;

a lid positioned at the mouth portion so as to close the mouth portion; and

a lug provided at the lid.

Claim 83. (New) A developer container comprising:

a hollow body having a diameter;

a mouth portion provided adjacent one end of the hollow body, said mouth portion being smaller than said diameter;

a lid positioned at the mouth portion so as to close the mouth portion; and

a lug provided at the lid.

Claim 84. (New) A developer container comprising:

a hollow body having a diameter;

a mouth portion provided adjacent one end of the hollow body, said mouth portion being smaller than said diameter;

a lid fitted in the mouth portion so as to close the mouth portion; and

a lug provided centrally at the lid.

Claim 85. (New) A developer container comprising:
a hollow body having a diameter;
a mouth portion provided adjacent one end of the hollow body, said mouth portion being smaller than said diameter;
a lid fitted in the mouth portion so as to close the mouth portion; and
a lug provided centrally at the lid and projecting away from said hollow body.

Claim 86. (New) The developer container of Claim 83, wherein said lug protrudes from the lid.

Claim 87. (New) The developer container of Claim 84, wherein said lug protrudes from the lid.

Claim 88. (New) The developer container of Claim 85, wherein said lug protrudes from the lid.

Claim 89. (New) The developer container of Claim 83, wherein said lug protrudes at the center of the lid and has a distal enlargement.

Claim 90. (New) The developer container of Claim 84, wherein said lug protrudes at the center of the lid and has a distal enlargement.

Claim 91. (New) The developer container of Claim 85, wherein said lug protrudes at the center of the lid and has a distal enlargement.

Claim 92. (New) The developer container of Claim 83, wherein said lug is a mushroom shaped lug protruding at the center of the lid.

Claim 93. (New) The developer container of Claim 84, wherein said lug is a mushroom shaped lug protruding at the center of the lid.

Claim 94. (New) The developer container of Claim 85, wherein said lug is a mushroom shaped lug protruding at the center of the lid.

Claim 95. (New) The developer container of Claim 83, wherein said lug protrudes at the center of the lid and has a distal enlargement.

Claim 96. (New) The developer container of Claim 84, wherein said lug protrudes at the center of the lid and has a distal enlargement.

Claim 97. (New) The developer container of Claim 85, wherein said lug protrudes at the center of the lid and has a distal enlargement.

Claim 98. (New) A developer container comprising:
a hollow body having a diameter;
a mouth portion provided adjacent one end of the hollow body, said mouth portion being smaller than said diameter;
a concave lid fitted in the mouth portion so as to close the mouth portion; and

a lug projecting centrally of the lid and having a height less than the depth of the concavity of the lid.

Claim 99. (New) The developer container of Claim 83, wherein said lid is adapted to close said mouth portion when said container is horizontally mounted on an image forming apparatus.

Claim 100. (New) The developer container of Claim 84, wherein said lid is adapted to close said mouth portion when said container is horizontally mounted on an image forming apparatus.

Claim 101. (New) The developer container of Claim 85, wherein said lid is adapted to close said mouth portion when said container is horizontally mounted on an image forming apparatus.

Claim 102. (New) The developer container of Claim 98, wherein said lid is adapted to close said mouth portion when said container is horizontally mounted on an image forming apparatus.